GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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EXHIBITION ON INDIAN SYSTEM OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an exhibition and a work shop on Ayurved was organised at Johensburg by the delegation of Ministry of Health in view of the interest of Indians residing in South Africa towards the Indian System of Ayurved medicines recently;

(b) if so, the details of officers from India and the Indian doctors residing in South Africa who joined the delegation; and

(c) the outcome of the workshop and the benefits accrued for the Ayurved System of Medicines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Seven member official delegation under the leadership of Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare participated in the `Made in India Show` at Johannesburg, South Africa from 18-21 July, 2001.The official part of the delegation comprised the Secretary of the Department and the Director of the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha.Besides four subject experts representing the individual system participated in the events to help propagate the strengths of the Indian Systems of Medicine.No Indian doctor residing in South Africa was a part of the Indian delegation.

(c) The broad outcomes included:-

- Detailed interaction with the Health Minister of South Africa on the strengths of Indian Systems of medicine.

- Meeting with Medicine Control Council of South Africa to make them understand the regulatory and enforcement mechanism prevailing in India for manufacture of ISM drugs.

- Projection of India`s strengths in the area of education, research and health care through the ISM system to separate audiences at Johannesburg and Durban.

- Expanding prospects for collaboration with the Nelson Mandela School of Medicine, Durban to introduce Ayurveda courses using teachers from India.